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SUBJ: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION: STEAM ROLLER TACTICS

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1. FOLLOWING UP ON DISCUSSIONS IN REFTTEL, A/DCM
MET WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
SAAD KHALIL JUNE 10 TO DISCUSS UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL
SESSION. KHALIL, WHO HAD ATTENDED SESSION BEGAN BY
ASSERTING HE HAD BEEN TO MANY UN MEETINGS OVER THE
YEARS BUT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION WAS WORST HE HAD EVER
WITNESSED. HE SAID NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE GROUP
(NACG), WAS TOTALLY UNPREPARED AND IN REALITY VERY
INEFFECTUAL. SECRETARIAT, ITSELF, FROM THE OUTSET
CAME FORWARD WITH ONLY "TWO POOR MISERABLE DOCUMENTS",
WHICH WERE COMPLETELY INADEQUATE. ONE WAS AN ECONOMIC
DECLARATION AND THE OTHER A PROGRAM OF ACTION.

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NEITHER WERE PRAGMATIC IN THEIR APPROACH OR CONTAINED

ANYTHING NEW.

2. MUCH OF THE TIME AT THE SESSION, PARTICULARLY DURING THE SPEECHES OF THE LDCS, WAS TAKEN UP IN REPETITIOUS RAMBLING. DCS WEREN'T MUCH BETTER. KHALIL WAS QUITE CRITICAL OF FRG'S ROLE SAYING GERMAN REP DID NOTHING BUT LECTURE EVERYONE AND IN DOING THIS, DIDN'T EVEN HAVE HIS ECONOMIC FACTS STRAIGHT. KHALIL FELT THAT EUROPEANS INSTEAD OF TAKING EFFECTIVE ACTION TO MAKE SESSION CONSTRUCTIVE, PLAYED A HEAVY HAND. WHEN THEY WERE NOT DOING THIS, THEY WERE INSISTING ON REFERRING QUESTIONS TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE US APPROACH TO SESSION, AT LEAST AT OUTSET, WAS FAR TOO LOW-KEYED. IN A SENSE, IN HIS VIEW, WE WERE ALSO LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR NACG ATTITUDE AT SESSION. FOR A LONG TIME US HAD REMAINED ALOOF, IF NOT COOL OR DISINTERESTED TO WHAT WAS GOING ON, INSTEAD OF LEADING. THUS, WHEN DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING, US DEL SHOWED SIGNS OF ACTIVITY AND TABLED A DRAFT RESOLUTION, THERE WAS SOME CONSTERNATION. US, KHALIL SAID, HAS A GREAT DEAL OF EXPERIENCE AND MUCH TO OFFER IN THIS SITUATION. IT KNOWS HOW TO APPROACH PROBLEMS REALISTICALLY. IT SHOULD GET OUT IN FRONT AND HELP LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THINK THROUGH THEIR PROBLEMS. TIME HAS COME TO US TO SHOW WHAT IT CAN DO.

4. COMMENT: KHALIL'S APPROACH WAS NOT TO CHIDE NACG (HOS BASIC SYMPATHIES WERE WITH THEM) BUT TO LOOK UPON THE ENTIRE AFFAIR AND ACTIONS OF NACG MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER. HE OBVIOUSLY PLACES HIMSELF, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, ON A PAR WITH THE REPRESENTATION OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND HE HAS A NATURAL ABHORRENCE TO UNSOPHISTICATED APPROACH AND ABRASIVE TACTICS USED BY NACT. HE WOULD DEARLY LOVE TO FIND A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE DCS AND NACG. KHALIL'S SOLUTIONS, HOWEVER, WOULD MORE THAN LIKELY COME AT CONSIDERABLE PRICE TO THE FORMER. HE CLEARLY WOULD BE AN ADVOCATE OF DCS EXPENDING SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO ASSIST THEIR
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